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## Traffic Signals Being Erected

New signs are being erected at approximately 20 per cent of intersections with traffic signals throughout the state in preparation for the new right turn on red law.

For the past eight months, engineers for the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation have conducted studies of every intersection with traffic signals on state-maintained highways.

As of January 1, motorists will be permitted to make right turns on red lights unless the signs, which read No Turn on Red, have been erected.

The signs, which were standardized by the Federal Highway Administration, are oblong in shape and have black lettering on a white background.

Many factors were taken into consideration in determining which intersections were suitable for the turns. Sight distance, intersection design, signal design and pedestrian traffic were all weighed heavily in evaluating safety.

The new law, which is expected to save millions of gallons of gasoline each year and relieve many traffic tie-ups, requires that the motorist stop completely before making a right turn. Pedestrians and vehicles traveling with the green light still have the right of way.

## Henderson To Teach Death & Dying Course at CVCC

The Office of Continuing Adult Education and Community Services at CVCC will offer a course in Death and Dying in the Winter Quarter to begin January 5, 1977. The course will be taught by Stephen Henderson.

Mr. Henderson has a M.S. degree in Counseling Psychology from Iowa State University. For seven years he was the Associate Director of Career and Personal Counseling Center in Staunton, Va. He is presently a Counselor in private practice.

Perhaps more important than his general counseling background are his particular experiences in the field of death and dying. Mr. Henderson faced a terminal condition himself. Eleven year's ago he had a complete renal failure. This was before kidney transplants were known about. Later he had a successful kidney transplant which he has now had for ten years. Mr. Henderson has also done counseling with the terminally ill and has led a number of workshops in Death and Dying for volunteers and professionals. He has held workshops for ministers, social workers, nurses, and other groups. Among the places workshops have been held are Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, several hospitals, and a number of churches.

Mr. Henderson has studied with Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross who is the most outstanding expert on Death and Dying in the world.

## CRAFTY IDEAS

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An entertaining way to spend some time—and save some money—is in the creative kind of cooking that can be enjoyed by anyone of almost any age.

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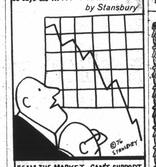

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## The Pastor Speaks

After the Holidays, after the Christmas ham and turkey, after all the presents have been given and received and perhaps exchanged, maybe we all feel a little like Mary and Joseph felt when the shepherds and the wise men had gone. Maybe we feel a bit unsure of ourselves. What did all this really mean?

Mary and Joseph didn't really understand what lay ahead. So we don't really understand what lies ahead either. The meaning of Christmas is a spirit of love and grace and truth, and it's easy to think of love when you think of the baby Jesus. Nevertheless, we know that baby boys usually grow up. When that baby Jesus grew up, the love and grace of the Christmas story were changed into a different and a greater love and grace. It's harder for Christians to understand the meaning of that greater love for modern life.

How simple it would be if you could celebrate Christmas every day of the year! Give gifts every day to each of your family and friends. Make visits to nursing homes. Collect toys and food for the needy. Go carolling to older members of your church. How simple that would be. Yet the demands of faith are even larger than that. We have been asked to contribute not only a little time each day and a little money each week but all of our lives to God's service.

What did love mean when baby Jesus grew up? For Mary, it meant she had to stand and watch her son die on a cross. For Jesus himself it meant a total commitment of everything that he had and everything that he was. His gift at Easter was much more than everything most of us give all our lives.

After the Holidays, maybe we are a little unsure of ourselves. Maybe our faith is based on that baby Jesus, and not the crucified and risen Christ. Perhaps we still have time to make that total commitment of our own lives.

James M. Becker
Pastor
The Appomattox United Methodist Circuit

## The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 2, 1977

**Jesus Affirms His Sonship**
Scripture: Luke 1:80; 2:39-52

**"How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"** Luke 2:49

Two sentences in Luke summarize the growth of Jesus. One (Luke 2:40) tells us that from infancy to 12 years of age "the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." The other (Luke 2:52) relates that from the age of 12 to adulthood "Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man." Between these two summaries is the account of an event which took place when He was 12, revealing His childhood appreciation of a unique relationship to God and an early realization that He had a special responsibility and mission in His Father's service.

The two summaries portray ideal growth from infancy to maturity. There are physical growth and the development of physical strength and intellectual power. There are also a spiritual growth which is pleasing to God and a personality development which is attractive to people. Jesus made a well rounded development as He grew from infancy through youth to manhood.

This week's International Sunday School lesson shows, too, the spiritual atmosphere of the home in which Jesus grew up. From the response of both Joseph and Mary to the angelic announcement to each of His impending birth, we would expect the home they established to be one of piety, worship and conformity to what they accepted as the revealed laws of God. So Joseph obeyed the requirement that the Jewish male present himself before God at the observance of the three religious feast days in Jerusalem.

Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles - - in Jerusalem. In common with the custom of many wives, Mary accompanied him.

Jewish law required the Jewish boy to assume the moral and religious obligations of the law - - to become a "son of the commandment" - - though it did not stipulate age. Prevailing custom set the age, comparable to what Christians once termed the age of accountability, at 13. It is still observed in the bar mitzvah ceremony, a highly meaningful event in the life of a Jewish lad and his family. We are not certain the trip Jesus made to Jersalem at the age of 12 was in preparation for becoming the next year a "son of the commandment," or whether this visit was the occasion of His taking on responsibility for observing the law. Some parents took their sons to a feast day before the bar mitzvah, that they might learn from observation. It may have been that Joseph and Mary decided that the spiritually and intellectually precocious boy in their home was ready at 12 to assume the moral and religious obligations of a Jewish man.

Luke gives the setting to provide the background for the major significance of the trip. Jesus remained behind when the company from Nazareth left Jerusalem. When His parents returned for Him, they found Him in the Temple, in a learning discussion with the rabbis. We can only wonder if the leaders of the rival schools of interpretation of the law, Hillel and Shammai, were among these rabbis. Some scholars see in Jesus' comments on the law great similarity to Hillel's views. Luke does not identify any of the teachers. Jesus was not teaching them, as some have the impression. Rather He was listening to them, asking questions and being questioned by them, giving answers which amazed them with His perception and understanding of spiritual truths.

The significance of this episode in Jesus' youth is found in His answer to Mary's rebuke for what she considered His lack of consideration for His parents by staying on in Jerusalem without telling them. Implicit in His questions which answered hers is surprise that she should not have realized that a boy with the religious upbringing He had received would not be so attracted by the Temple and all that went on there that He would want to stay. Also implicit is a sense of unique Sonship to God the Father. And implicit, too, is Jesus' desire to get on with the mission He already perceived, though probably not in its fullness, God was sending Him on.

But it was not yet time for Jesus to begin His work. There were still years of preparation ahead. As a dutiful son, He returned home and lived in obedience to and respect for His parents. In this episode we see the impatience of youth to get on with the task. But Jesus set an example of patience in preparation, of waiting until God is ready. And we also see the spiritual perception of children, which so often astonishes their elders.

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## Bradshaw Victim Of Sniper

Herbert C. Bradshaw, who has written The Sunday School Lesson for the Times-Virginian for a number of years, was killed Wednesday night, December 22, 1976, the victim of a sniper.

Bradshaw, 68, was the editor of the editorial pages of the Durham Morning Herald in Durham, North Carolina until retiring in 1974. He also wrote The Sunday School Lesson for a number of newspapers.

Bradshaw was killed Wednesday night when the bullet that struck him in the head went through a kitchen window where he was standing, washing dishes with his wife.

Sniper assaults in Durham have killed two persons and injured two others. A number of other shootings were reported Wednesday night in Bradshaw's neighborhood but no one else was killed.

Bradshaw was a native of Rice, Virginia.

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## GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

By Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

### Poinsetta Care

If you were given a beautiful poinsettia for Christmas, you want its beauty to last as long as possible. With proper care, the blooms will remain attractive for a month to six weeks.

The best location for your poinsettia is a sunny window, but the leaves should not be allowed to touch the cold window pane. The plant grows best at temperatures between 70 and 75 degrees during the day, and 60 degrees at night. Poinsettias should not be exposed to cold or hot air drafts. Do not set your plant on a television because of the heat from it.

Your poinsettia plant must receive adequate, but not excess water. Apply water when the soil feels dry. Soak the soil completely to the bottom of the pot. If your pot is covered with a colorful foil, punch a hole in the bottom to allow for proper drainage. The plant will die rather quickly if the soil remains wet.

The leaves of your poinsettia may become yellow and rot prematurely if the plant receives insufficient light, excess water, is exposed to drafts, or receives insufficient nitrogen fertilizer. Apply a good house plant fertilizer every week, following the package directions. A soluable type fertilizer is recommended and may be purchased from your local florist or hardware stores.

Poinsettias are native to the tropics and may be used as landscape plants in southern United States. In Virginia, it may be grown indoors during the cold winter months. You may save your plant for growth another year by allowing the soil to dry out when half the leaves have fallen.

When the leaves fall off, cut back the stalks of the plant (about half) and place in your basement or other rather cool spot, watering sparingly once a week. As soon as the danger of frost has passed, the plant can be cut back to three to four inches and planted in your garden.

Cuttings from the three-to-four-inch lengths can also be rooted and planted. Early in September the old plant should be repotted in fresh soil, brought into the house and grown in as cool a place as possible. By the end of November place the plant in a sunny window, where it will bloom again by Christmas of 1977. If you made and rooted cuttings, these can be treated the same way as the parent plant.

The poinsettia has required the reputation of being poisonous, but this is not the case. Research workers at Ohio State University have fed large quantities of leaves and flowers to rats with no harmful results.

Best wishes to each of you for a Happy New Year filled with happiness and good health.

I wish to express sincere appreciation to the fine staff of the Times-Virginian for their cooperation in making this column possible. Thank you for reading.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Watergate Dessert
3 oz. pkg. pistachio instant pudding
Small size prepared whipped topping
Medium size can crused pineapple (with juice)
½ c. minature marshmallows
½ c. pecans (chopped)
Mix well all ingredients as listed. Chill before serving. This will be a nice change of desserts after eating all your heavy holiday desserts. This will keep nicely in the refrigerator for several days.

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## 4-H'ers Have Christmas Party

When the Appomattox Senior 4-H Club gave a Christmas party last week, fourteen first and second graders took part in the party. The photos above were taken during the party.

4-H'ers helping with the party were Mike Hancock, Moly Hanoy, Tamara Nash, Baxter Parris, Nathan Smith, Donald Parris, Sharon Roach, Rita Reynolds, Bill Vaughan, Bud Rosser, Mary Dyess, Joe Ford, and Gaye Phelps.

## Chestnut Grove

DEC. 20 - A Christmas program will be presented Fri., Dec. 24, at 8 p.m. at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church.

Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris were Mrs. Rice Seay of Andersonville; Mrs. Earl Seay and family; Mrs. Willie Hollins and family, all of Richmond; Bernard Cook of Spout Spring visited in the same home Sunday. Saturday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Harris was H. Flood Harris, of Green Bay.

The Youth Sunday School Class entertained the Senior Citizens of The Chestnut Grove Baptist Church at a supper Saturday at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowles and family of Rustburg spent Saturday in the home of Mrs. Ruth Beasley.

Mrs. Noma Williams, of Beckley, W. Va., has returned home after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Benny Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Cook at Prospect.

Mrs. Ruth Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baldwin and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Odell Kirby in Farmville Sunday.

Ethel Proffitt is home for the Christmas holidays from Fermum College.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parker, Mrs. Annie Megginson and Ruth Routen, all of Lynchburg, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey N. Morris.

Among those attending a Christmas get-together Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Waycaster at Dillwyn were Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Morris, Kenneth and Charles and Nancy Wilson.

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